

Reduction of stipend of PG students

†2659. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the amount of stipend of 1st and 2nd year P.G. doctors working in National Ayurveda Institute has been reduced from September, 2005;
- (b) the amount saved by Government as a result thereof;
- (c) the grounds for such a reduction; and
- (d) whether Government would consider to restore the previous amount of stipend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Minor reduction has been made in case of PG students in National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur so as to bring uniformity in the rate of stipend for all the National Institutes viz. National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, National Institute of Siddha, Chennai, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata, Institute of Post-Graduate Teaching & Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar and National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore under Department of AYUSH.

The question of overall saving does not arise, as students pursuing courses in Homoeopathy, Unani and Siddha were in receipt of less stipend. However, according to information provided by National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur there is a saving of Rs. 7.71 lac there.

Pesticides in Colas

2660. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of pesticide residues, such as Lindane and Chlorpyrifos found in Coca-Cola; and
- (b) the quantity of pesticide content found in Pepsi?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Informal samples of carbonated water collected by the State Government as per direction of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during August - September, 2006 were analysed by the Central Food Laboratories for pesticide residues. As per the analysis report, in none of the samples of carbonated water analysed including those of pepsi and coca cola, the level of the pesticides residues exceeded the permissible limits prescribed for packaged drinking water.

Drug and cosmetic rules

2661. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules to allow malls and local grocers to stock and sell household remedies over the counter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has published Gazette Notification GSR 471 (E) dated 4.8.2006 regarding amendment of Schedule K of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 under the provisions of the proposed revised Schedule K. (A copy of the GSR 471 (E) dated 4.8.2006 is Annexed as Statement (See below). The proposed amendment may give relief to certain household remedies from the purview of the Sale License. However, certain conditions have to be fulfilled before such sale can be affected.

A number of responses have been received on the said notification from various associations who have objected to the exemption of certain drugs/ household remedies conditions i.e. All India Organization of Chemicals & Druggists, Mumbai; All Kerala Chemists and Druggists Association (regd.)